

IMPLEMENTING C++ CLASSES

Problem Solving with Computers-II

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C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main(){
    cout<<"Hola Facebook\n";
    return 0;
}
```

Read the syllabus. Know what's required. Know how to get help.

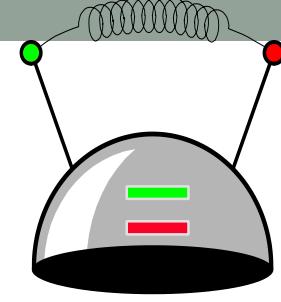
CLICKERS OUT – FREQUENCY AB

Announcements

- We will not have any enrollment changes.
- Change of section requests- completed
- If you want to pair with someone in the same section (different mentor group), let your current mentor know asap
- Mentor groups will be finalized by tomorrow.
- Homeworks should be submitted in the provided template
- HW 3 and 4 released, due next week in class

Clickers out – frequency AB

Review: Thinking Cap Definition

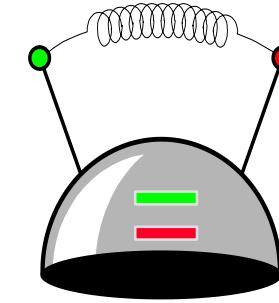


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{
public:
    void slots(char new_green[ ], char new_red[ ]);
    void push_green();
    void push_red();
private:
    char green_string[50];
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};
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- C. When the slots() member function is activated

Thinking Cap Implementation

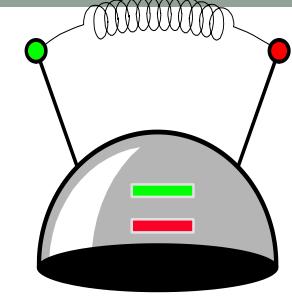


- Usually we implement the class in a separate .cpp file.

```
class thinking_cap
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Function bodies
will be in .cxx file.

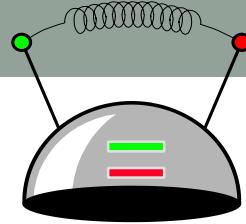
Thinking Cap Implementation



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{
}

}
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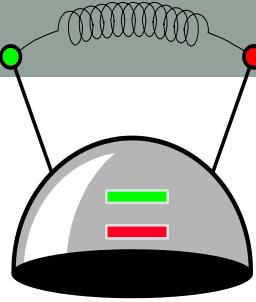


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1. The class name is included in the function's heading using the :: operator
2. The function can refer to any of the member variables

```
void thinking_cap::slots(char new_green[ ], char new_red[ ])
{
    assert(strlen(new_green) < 50);
    assert(strlen(new_red) < 50);
    strcpy(green_string, new_green);
    strcpy(red_string, new_red);
}
```

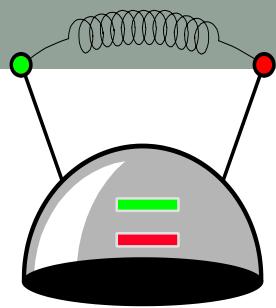


Thinking Cap Implementation

Within the body of the function, the class's member variables and other methods may all be accessed.

```
void thinking_cap::slots(char new_green_string, char new_red_string)
{
    assert(strlen(new_green) < 50);
    assert(strlen(new_red) < 50);
    strcpy(green_string, new_green_string);
    strcpy(red_string, new_red_string);
}
```

*But, whose member variables are these? Are they
student.green_string
student.red_string
fan.green_string
fan.red_string ?*



Thinking Cap Implementation

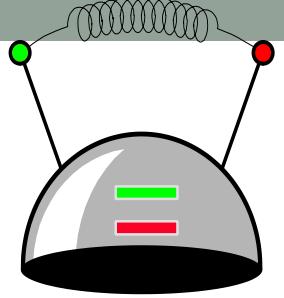
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If we activate student.slots:

student.green_string

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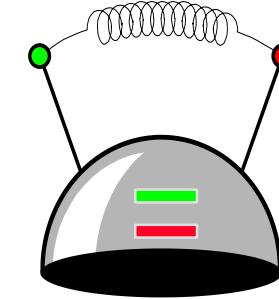
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If we activate fan.slots:

fan.green_string

fan.red_string

Thinking Cap Implementation



Here is the implementation of the `push_green()` member function, which prints the green message:

```
void thinking_cap::push_green()
{
    cout << green_string << endl;
}
```

A Common Pattern

- Often, one or more member functions will place data in the member variables...

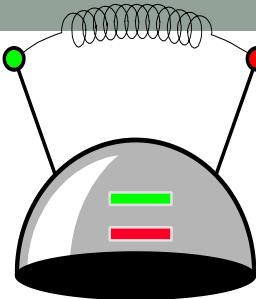
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    void push_green( ) const;  
    void push_red( ) const;  
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};
```

slots

push_green & push_red

mutator or
Setterfunction.

accessors or getter functions
Must not modify the underlying
representation



A Quiz

Is the code in main() a permissible usage of the thinking_cap ADT? Discuss why or why not.

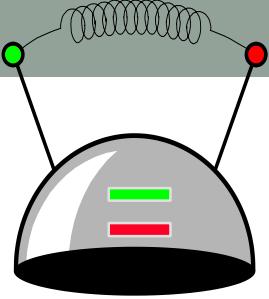
A. Yes (But will output junk)

B. No

because the strings were not initialized

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    void push_green( ) const;
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};

int main( )
{
    thinking_cap student;
    student.push_green( );
}
```



Constructor

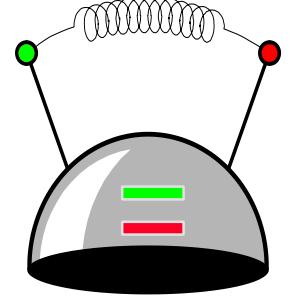
An “initialization” function that is guaranteed to be called when an object of the class is created

```
class thinking_cap
{
public:
    thinking_cap(char new_green[], char new_red[]);
    void slots(char new_green[ ], char new_red[ ]);
    void push_green( ) const;
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private:
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Which distinction(s) do you see between the constructor and other methods of the class?

- A. *The constructor has the same name as the class*
- B. *It doesn't have a return type*
- C. *It has formal parameters*
- D. *A and B*
- E. *None of the above*

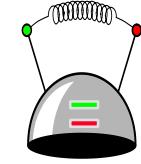
Implementation of the constructor



Do you expect the body of the constructor to be different from the slots() method in this example? Discuss with your group why or why not.

- A. Yes
- B. No

```
thinking_cap::thinking_cap(char new_green[], char new_red[] )  
{  
    //Code for initializing the member variables of  
}  
}
```



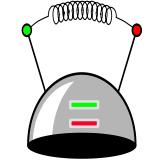
Using the constructor

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{
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Hello

What is the output of this code?

```
int main( )
{
    thinking_cap student("Hello","Goodbye");
    student.push_green();
}
```



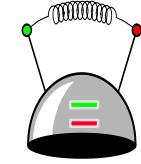
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Compiler error
Need a default constructor

What is the output of this code?

```
int main( )
{
    thinking_cap fan;
    fan.slots("Hi", "There");
    fan.push_green();
}
```



Need to specify a default constructor

```
class thinking_cap
```

```
{
```

```
public:
```

```
thinking_cap(char ng[], char nr[]);
```

```
void slots(char new_green[ ], char new_red[ ]);
```

```
void push_green( ) const;
```

```
void push_red( ) const;
```

```
private:
```

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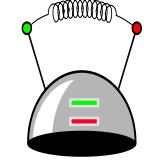
```
char red_string[50];
```

```
};
```

The main function worked before when we never had a constructor. Why?

→ Used the default constructor provided by C++

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    fan.slots("Hi", "There");  
    fan.push_green( );  
}
```



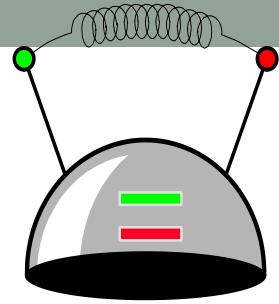
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```
class thinking_cap
{
public:
thinking_cap(); //Default constructor
thinking_cap(char ng[], char nr[]); //Parameterized constructor
    void slots(char new_green[ ], char new_red[ ]);
    void push_green( ) const;
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Implement the default constructor to give default values to the data members

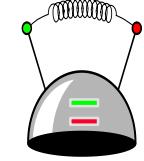
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Value semantics: Assignment

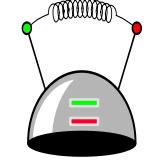
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- Assignment operation
- Copy constructor

What is the output of this code?

```
int main( ) {  
    thinking_cap fan;  
    thinking_cap student("Hi", "there");  
    fan = student;  
    fan.push_green( );  
}
```

Hi



Value semantics: Copy constructor

The value semantics of a class determines how values are copied from one object to another.

- Assignment operation
- Copy constructor

What is the output of this code?

```
int main( ) {  
    thinking_cap student("Hi", "there");  
    thinking_cap fan(student);  
    fan.push_green();  
    fan.push_red();  
}
```

Hi.
There

Summary

- Classes have member variables and member functions (method).
An object is a variable where the data type is a class.
- You should know how to declare a new class type, how to implement its member functions, how to use the class type.
- Frequently, the member functions of an class type place information in the member variables, or use information that's already in the member variables.
- In the future we will see more features of OOP.

Next time

- Testing ADTS
- Implementing non-member functions
- Operator overloading and friend functions
- Namespaces
- Separate compilation (header and cpp files, makefile)